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Sic Canibus Catulos ſimiles, ſic Matribus Hædos
Noram. ——— Virgil.

I Formerly promiſed the Publick an *Eſſay* on the *Popery* of the *Whigs*, and I now intend to be as good as my Word. This Enquiry will be managed with Moderation, becauſe it does not affect the whole Body; for I am obliged to ſet aſide a very conſiderable Detachment, I mean thoſe who are of no Religion at all. As the Expreſſions of Deſire are more Feeling and Regular than thoſe of Averſion, I conſider the preſent *Cry* of *Popery*, which is now the Language of the whole Pack, as proceeding rather from their Hopes, than Fears; for a *Pannick* would ſoon be over, but violent Longings never ceaſe their Raptures, till they arrive at Enjoyment. It is true this Cry is attended with many eager Proteſtations; but we know the Power of *Banter*, and Force of an *Irony*; a Figure, which the Party have been known of late to carry about them, and which has done them ſignal Service more than once. They find by Experience, that their *Panegyricks* have brought a Scandal upon ſeveral Great Men, and this taught them the Trick of Railing, in order to Recommend. It is no new thing to hear *Papiſt* rave againſt *Papiſt*: They have their Schiſms and Subdiviſions: There is great Animoſity between their ſeveral *Orders*; and I look upon the *Whigs* to be a ſort of *Moliniſts* in that Church, or rather a new Order of *Jeſuits*, who, tho' they bear a remote Allegiance to the *Papal* See, are yet more immediately govern'd by a *General* of their own. Their own *News-Papers* do not pretend to deny, what has been lately charged upon them, that there is now reſiding at *Rome* the great *Camilla*, who is known to have had a more than ordinary Familiarity with ſome late Men in Power; and this Correſpondence ſhe is ſaid to have communicated to his Holineſs, and that in her Packets came over thoſe ingenious *Manifeſto's* from *Paſquin* and *Morphorio*, which were ſuffered to appear in Publick here, in open Defiance to the Authority of the *Examiner*: Nor is it doubted but the next Advices will bring us a full Account of that *Lady*'s aſſuming her publick Character as *Ambaſſadrix* Extraordinary and *Firſt Plenipotentiary*, during the Abſence of another great Perſon now on her way thither; And then I ſhall not fail of giving the Publick ſome Light from time to time into what paſſes between the ſaid *Plenipo* and *Marguarita*, by the aſſiſtance of my worthy Friend Mr. *Squaſh*, together with the ſeveral publick and private Audiences which this Paragon of the *late Miniſtry* may probably have with the *Whore* of *Babylon*.

But to return from this Digreſſion: The Conformity of the *Whigs*, in their Doctrines, Diſcipline, and way of Worſhip, to the *Papiſts*, is too notorious to be denied. The *Trentine* Innovations, which quite altered the Rule of Faith, introduced a new Goſpel, and ſhook the Authority of the old, gave their Friends in *England* a lucky Hint for Practices of the ſame Nature: Some of them, finding the Articles at their diſpoſal, ſtruck out the *Trinity*, others the *Divinity* of our *Saviour*, and a *Third* ſort, who ventured deeper, and expected Church-Preferment, attach'd the *Pentateuch*. Thoſe who had the Mitre in view, fell foul on the *Canon*, *Miracles*, and the whole Sett of *Articles*. The *Lay-Writers*, who were content with Civil Employs, began their Traditions from *Nature*; and thoſe among them, who found that *Anabems* were not very acceptable on this ſide the *Tweed*, ventured no further with them, but ſubſtituted *Ridicule* in their room; by which they tickled thoſe to Death, whom their Correſpondents, on t'other ſide the Water, could only tame by a *Wet Martyrdom*. We were indeed often alarm'd with the Tidings of a *New Goſpel*; tho' ſome were of Opinion, that they had explained the *Old* one ſo, as to ſerve any of their Purpoſes; but at preſent I hear that Project is laid aſide, or reſerved for better Times.

The King-killing and Depoſing Doctrine was very amicably adjuſted between *Knox* and *Melvil* on the one Part, and the antient and modern *Jeſuits* on the other. The Brethren on both Sides had the ſame Aim in this Article, which was to advance a Supremacy of their own upon the Ruins of Monarchy.

The Church of *Rome* found her Account in expoſing the *Hoſt*, and advancing the Notion of a *Real Preſence*: The *Whigs* took the ſame Liberty in corrupting the *Sacrament* by what they call the *Real Abſence*; by which they ſuppoſe a Communicant to be ſubſtantially and vertually departed from the Church, and ſitting in a Conventicle, tho' by all the Evidences of Senſe it is plain, he is that moment kneeling before the Altar. This alſo ſerves them for a *double Communion*, which is vaſtly preferable to the *Half-Communion* of the *Romaniſts*, eſpecially in the End for which it was deſign'd, Temporal Advantage: For what is *Prieſtcraft* in the former, is *Partycraft* in the latter; and whilſt the *Papiſt* diſtruſts his Senſes, the *Whig* gratifies them.

Let thoſe who have *Confeſſed* or done *Pennance* to the Faction, or paſſed through any of their *Limbo*'s, ſpeak what they have taſted of their Mildneſs and Moderation, and let their Senſes diſtinguiſh between an Arbitrary and a Legal Inquiſition, between being diſpatch'd and put out of Pain by the Rage and Fury of a mad Perſecutor, and being kept alive under the lingring Tortures of Shame and Poverty, the ſevere preſſure of intricate or abus'd Laws, and the more exquiſite Pangs of Conſcience and Honour expoſed to the moſt ſubtle Temptations, by a Sett of Tormentors, who are thorough-pac'd in all the Contrivances of artful Malice and ingenious Miſchief.

The Abby-Lands, with the ſeveral Products of the *Romiſh* Superſtitions, were indeed a fat Morſel for their Clergy here in *England*, by which they engroſſed the better half of our Riches; and upon an extraordinary occaſion, could call for a freſh Supply, according as they had concerted Meaſures with their *Foreign Allies* for a *Holy War* or *Cruſado*; whereby the Nation was drein'd of Men and Money, in order to invade *Jeruſalem*, or ſome other Pagan Country; tho' I think the *Pope* was generally ſpeaking, ſo honeſt, as to give the Kingdom to thoſe who could Conquer it: But what Village in *England*, what Acre, what Cottage has been free from the Oppreſſions and Pillage of the *Whigs*? They have made thoſe who were Cloath'd, *Naked*; thoſe who were Full, *Hungry*; and have ſent the Rich *Empty* away: They once more intepreted King *Pharaoh*'s Dream to us, and are the *Lean Kine* that have gone up and devoured us. From the Crown of the Head, to the Sole of the Foot, we were Tax'd and Loaded: Every thing we eat and drink, puts us in mind of their Cruelties: They have Sold us to Strangers, and ſet *Europe* in Flames, for the ſake of Huzzaing round the Bonfire. They have impoveriſh'd both Clergy and Laity, and pawn'd their Poſterity. By this time they might have been Rich enough with the Plunder, to enter upon the Mortgage; and perhaps hire their beggarly Landlords to be *hewers of Wood and drawers of Water*; according to the known Policy of ſome *Foreign Grandees*, who rack their Dependents with ſo many Oppreſſions, till they are forced to accept of them for Slaves, becauſe they are become Inſolvent.

The Pious Frauds of the *Church* of *Rome*, as exemplified in *Equivocations*, *mental Reſervations*, *Lyes*, *Legends*, and *Forgeries*, have received conſiderable Improvements and Additions from the *Whigs*. If we peruſe the *Caſuiſtical* Writings of the *Romiſh* Fathers, we ſhall find how

how they mince this Article, how they glofs it over, and parcel it out into all the nominal Jargon of the *Schools*, and lofe it in fenfelefs Diftinctions, coin'd from the Corruption of *Metaphyficks*. But our *Cafuifts* proceed upon a much clearer Syftem: With them, not only to conceal their real Faith, and publickly conform to a Church, which they hate, not only to equivocate and ftifle Truth, but openly to defy it, to skip over all Teſts made to diſtinguiſh them, by an agility of Conſcience, which the Papiſts could not attain, to forge and invent Falſhoods for the ſake of their Cauſe, to propagate Error and juſtify one Lye with another, is venial and even meritorious. One of their own Mitred Champions has not ſtuck to own the Doctrine of *Reſerves*, even in Fundamentals; and whoever will be at the Pains to examine their Pretended Miracles, and the Lives and Characters of their Hero's, may be diverted with ſomething more Romantick, with more Fictions and Fables than are to be met with in the Hiſtory and Adventures of Sta. *Tereſa* or St. *Xavier*.

As the *Tories* are the *Hereticks* againſt whom theſe *Papiſts* have declared an everlaſting War, not to keep Faith with them is a Principle which they openly profeſs, and have always zealouſly purſu'd. What Laws, Orders, Reſolutions have they not violated, in order to convince the World that a *Tory* ought not to be believed, truſted, or even to have Juſtice done him? Their way was not to examine the Cauſe, but the Perſon; and their Judges, Juſtices, and other Executive Officers would firſt *Diſcern*, before they would Determine, between Man and Man: For as their Doctrine of *Self-preſervation* empowers them to Rebel againſt what they are pleas'd to call a *Tory* King, notwithſtanding their Oaths; ſo that of *Self-Intereſt* leaves them at liberty to oppreſs a *Tory Fellow-Subject*, notwithſtanding the Ties of common Honeſty and natural Juſtice.

They are the greateſt ſticklers for Merit in the moſt *Catholick* Senſe, and upon this Head they only expect to have two Points yielded up to them, which are, to be the *Judges* of it, and the *Paymaſters*: What *Hereticks* call a *Favour*, they claim as a Right; and if at any time they exceed a *Commiſſion*, it muſt be ſet up to the Account of Works of *Supererrogation*.

They are ſtrict Preſervers of *Catholick Communion*, and take care to guard, with great rigour, what they call the *Pale*; for in all Caſes of a *Lapſe*, the Heretick is deliver'd over to irrecoverable Reprobacy. It is true, they allow Liberty of Conſcience, that is to all without the *Pale*; and by this means they make Converts of all ſorts of Wretches, who have always their Seaſons and Terms of Probation, to render them incapable of falling from the Party; for they ſtedfaſtly adhere to that known Maxim, which is the ſupport of the *Romiſh Church*, To be able to receive every Thing, and part with Nothing.

Their *Councils* and *Synods* are not choſen by a freedom of Voices, but conſiſt of ſuch Perſons, as are naturally drawn together by a *Magnetick Sympathy* in Underſtanding and Principles: Their *Conclave* they call the *Junta*, and their *Conſiſtory* the *Kit-Cat*; though ſome unwary Hiſtorians have miſtaken this latter for the Society *de Propaganda*, becauſe to them we owe the beſt Accounts of their *Theology*. They have alſo their moving Aſſemblies, which alter their Stations and Places of Meeting, according as this or that Region of Pleaſure and Buſineſs grows thin or populous. At theſe Aſſemblies their *Nuncio's*, *Legates* and *Miſſionaries*, receive their Orders and Commiſſions, as alſo their Wages and Pay, which is either Verbal or Real. The *Committee* of *Triers* give in the ſeveral Talents and Capacities of the Candidates, and according to their Report they have their Provinces regulated and aſſigned them: Some are employ'd in tranſlating from the *French* and *Dutch*, what was never publiſhed in thoſe Languages: Others, who can read *Latin*, are put to work in extracting Quotations from the *Greek Hiſtorians* and *Biographers*. The *Letter-Writer* is directed in the Choice of his Correſpondents, whither they are *Foreign Miniſters*, *Parliament Men*, or only *Friends in the Country*. The *Orator*, who is diſtinguiſhed by the loudneſs of his Voice, the rapidity of his Words, the quaintneſs of his Oaths, the cock of his Hat, and the ſtedfaſtneſs of his Contradictions, has his *Paſſes* given him, by which he is to take his *Route* thro' the ſeveral *Coffee-houſes* of that Week. The *Thing* that makes *Verſes*, is ſhew'd the outſide of thoſe *Heroes* whoſe Praiſe and Characters he is to write down to, and is ſet up for a Poet with the ſingle Faculty of *Fiction*. Honour, his Senſes, and his Works go to the ſame Market together, and are ſold at the ſame Price. There are ſeveral Hands employ'd about that uſeful Manufacture, a *Lye*: For this they have the *Introducer*, who gives the Hint; the *Enquirer*, who asks with a deſign to tell; the *Mercury*, who receives, and the *Hawker* who diſperſes it; the *Inſurer*, who is allow'd to paſs for a Perſon in the Secret, in order to give it Authority; the *Aſſertor*, who is to argue upon it, as taken for granted; the *Wagerer* and the *Lyar en Cacoon*, both that are to Back it; the *Qualifier*, who upon the firſt glimpſe of a Diſcovery, is to ſave one half, by giving up the other; the *Inoculator*, who is to preſerve a declining Lye, by Grafting it upon a freſh Stock; the *Brazier* who works up a Lye chiefly with Noiſe, and the Solidity of his Materials; the *Chymiſt*, who preſerves Lyes by Tranſfuſion into one another; the *Remembrancer* who recovers an old Lye, when the Confutation of it is well nigh forgotten; the *Knight* of the *Poſt*, who offers his *Affidavit* upon't; the *Plagiary*, who quotes Original Authors; the *Foſterer*, who takes care of Lyes when they are young and tender, and not yet paſt the State of a *Whiſper*, a *May be*, or a *Probability*; the *Pruner* who Cuts and Trims a Luxriant Lye, in order to encourage its Growth; the *Tranſplanter*, who deals in Foreign Lyes; the *Coupler*, who tells a Lye and a Truth together, in order to ſhelter one under t'other: All theſe, according to their Abilities and Zeal, are ſent abroad to their ſeveral Provinces, with proper Inſtructions, and are diſtinguiſhed by agreeable Titles, *a Patribus Infidelium*.

The *Papiſts* and *Whigs* agree in their Accounts of the *State* of the *Dead*, and the ſeveral ways of *Dying*. What thoſe call the *Spiritual Death*, theſe tranſlate *being out of Favour*, and they do not ſcruple to put up Maſſes or Prayers for ſuch of their Brethren as are in this State: Indeed the Stile of theſe is ſomewhat more vehement than that of the *Catholicks*, and rather deſerves the Name of *Expoſtulation*.

They firmly adhere to that *Romiſh* Principle, of obliging the Laity to *profeſs* and *defend* every thing, tho' they really *believe* nothing: Hence they orally admit the greateſt Falſhoods; and this Humour is improved and kept up mechanically, by the Uſe of Relicks, with which they are furniſh'd from the *Archives* of their Leaders: They ſhew the *Heads* or *Skulls* of ſeveral of their *Martyrs*: Of theſe ſome were inhumanly Jointed in the Neck, and others moſt barbarouſly flung from a Beam, and died before they came to the Ground. They have alſo ſeveral *Female Utenſils*, which I forbear to mention: It was whiſper'd ſome time ago, that they had lock'd up the *Warming-Pan*; but I hear it is ſince expoſed again to publick View. One of their Places of Worſhip is hung wiith *dirty Clouts*, which no Mortal, who looks upon them, can imagine what they coſt.

Their *Pilgrimages* and *Peregrinations* are undertaken upon the moſt urgent and preſſing Occaſions; in which they are ſo Zealous, as always to avoid being ſtopped upon the Road; and ſome of them are ſo extravagantly Devout, as never to come home again.

No *Catholicks* have a better Hand at a *Plot*, a *Conſpiracy*, or an *Aſſaſſination*; nor can more dextrouſly Stifle, or more roundly Forſwear their Deſigns of this nature, if they prove Abortive.

Their *Indulgences* and *Diſpenſations* do not only extend to *venial Sins*, but to the *groſſeſt Enormities*, and they are given on this very Condition, that thoſe who have them ſhould never *Confeſs* or *Retract* their Iniquities.

Their *Saints* are of their own making, all taken from within the *Pale*, and like thoſe of the *Church* of *Rome*, Canonized chiefly for ſuch Vertues as were of Service to the Cauſe; tho', for the eaſe of the preſent Generation, it were to be wiſh'd they would defer this Ceremony till after Death.

They Worſhip a great Number of *Roods* and *Images* of ſeveral Kinds: Thoſe for the Vulgar are of *Paſtboard*. Since the *Reformation*, they have made at leaſt *ſix* or *ſeven Popes*, but could never yet get them introduced with the uſual Ceremonies. Our *great Reformers*, upon the removing of the *High Places*, beſtirr'd themſelves ſo, that the more ſubſtantial *Idols* of *Silver* and *Gold* were even as thoſe of *Paſtboard*; but there ſtill remain, for Show, a few little *Devils* in *Wood* and *Braſs*, who, unleſs timely prevented, are making what haſt they can towards the ſame *wonderful Melioration*.

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